

# Dog and Cat Animal Management Plan 2018 – 2022



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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

Around 63% of Australian households own a pet - 39% own a dog whilst 29% of households own a cat. These figures are significant and reflect the sustained popularity of pet ownership in Australia.

In South Australia, the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* (the Act) provides for the management of dogs and cats in the community. Its objects are to:

- + Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership
- + Reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats
- + Promote the effective management of dogs and cats (including through the encouragement of the desexing of dogs and cats)

Councils are responsible for implementation of most of the requirements in the Act.

The Act requires all Councils to produce a Plan of Management relating to dogs and cats within their local area. They are called Animal Management Plans and they are produced every 5 years.

This is the Adelaide Hills Council's Dog & Cat Animal Management Plan (DCAMP) for 2018-2022.

It includes strategies to manage dogs and cats and sets out how Council's responsibilities under the Act will be addressed.

Section 2 describes the steps we took in preparing this Plan.

Section 3 describes the background and context to the Plan. This ensures our Plan reflects the special attributes of the Adelaide Hills Council, and includes:

- + A description of the legislation, Council's dog and cat management By-Laws and Council's existing animal management service
- + A profile of the Adelaide Hills Council area and population
- + The Council's plans and strategies that might have a bearing on the plan
- + The stakeholders and partners who have or might have a role to play in improving the dog and cat management service and outcomes

Section 4 provides a summary of the community feedback received in response to the draft Plan.

Section 5 provides an overview and snapshot of the Plan.

Section 6 provides the objectives, strategies and key performance measures that make up our Dog and Cat Animal Management Plan (DCAMP).

**Appendix 1** contains a list of the parks and public reserves where dogs may be exercised offleash, those where they are required to be under effective control by means of physical restraint and the parks and public reserves in which dogs are prohibited from entering. The steps we took in preparing the Plan are summarised below.

## THE STEPS WE TOOK IN PREPARING THE PLAN

| Legislation                       | The <i>Dog and Cat Management Act 1995</i> is the foundation<br>for Council's animal management service. Developing this<br>Plan is an opportunity to review our animal management<br>service to improve the outcomes achieved. In addition,<br>there are recent amendments to the Act that will need to<br>be implemented by the Council.<br>The legislation and forthcoming amendments are<br>described in Section 3.1. |
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| By-laws                           | The Council has 2 animal management By-laws – one in<br>relation to dogs and one in relation to cats. They expire in<br>January 2019. In preparing this Plan, we considered the<br>requirements contained in these By-laws ahead of a<br>formal review in 2018. The animal By-laws are described<br>in Section 3.1.   |
| Existing service                  | Preparing the Plan is an opportunity to reflect on the existing animal management service provided by the Council and consider possible improvements. The existing animal management service is described in Section 3.2.   |
| Records and data                  | The Council's animal management data was reviewed to identify trends, issues and possible priorities. This is described in Section 3.2.   |
| Community and geographic profiles | An understanding of the community and geographic<br>profiles will ensure the Plan reflects the special attributes<br>of the Adelaide Council district. This is described in<br>Section 3.3.   |
| Community feedback                | The community's views were a core element in preparing<br>the Plan. Extensive feedback was obtained and this has<br>been incorporated into the Plan where possible and<br>appropriate. The community engagement process and<br>feedback received is explained in Section 4.   |
| The Planning Context              | We reviewed relevant Council Plans and Strategies and<br>their implications for this Plan. This included (but was not<br>limited to) the current Animal Management Plan 2012-<br>2017, the Council's Strategic Plan 2016 and the Adelaide<br>Hills Council Biodiversity Strategy 2103. The Planning<br>context is described in Section 3.4.   |
| Research and best practice        | We reviewed the latest research on the key issues.  |
| Other states and councils         | We looked at what other states and councils are doing in regards to dog and cat management.   |
| Funding                           | Any new initiatives will need to be resourced along with<br>the resourcing of existing services and facilities. Existing<br>funding arrangements were considered.   |
| Staff feedback                    | Council staff were able to provide valuable input on trends, issues and possible priorities and initiatives.  |
| Partnerships                      | In preparing the Plan, we considered ways to partners<br>with others to improve outcomes and achieve a better<br>use of resources. The list of possible partners is included<br>in Section 3.5.   |

#### 3 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT TO THE PLAN

This section describes the background and context to the Dog and Cat Management Plan including:

- + The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 and Council's animal management By-laws
- + Council's existing animal management service
- + The community and geographic profiles of Adelaide Hills Council that might have a bearing on the Dog and Cat Animal Management Plan
- + Council strategies and plans that are relevant to the Dog and Cat Animal Management Plan
- + Identification of relevant external stakeholders and partners

#### 3.1 LEGISLATION AND BY-LAWS

#### DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT ACT 1995

The Act provides the foundation for the Council's animal management service. Key features of the Council's responsibilities under the Act are:

- + Dogs must be registered and identified
- + Dogs are not allowed to wander at large, attack a person or an owned animal, cause a nuisance or defecate in a public place unless the owner immediately removes the faeces and disposes of them in a lawful and suitable manner. Dogs are required to be leashed on public roads and in public places
- + Councils have the power to make a range of orders in relation to the keeping of dogs
- + Councils have the power to seize and detain dogs
- + There are specific requirements in relation to the detention/removal of cats from remote or fragile areas and in relation to unidentified cats in other areas. Cats are not required to be registered. This remains a council-by-council decision

#### LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

The South Australian Government has made changes to the Act that are expected to commence 1 July 2017. These are discussed below. Most of the changes will need to be managed and enforced by the Council.

#### **Microchipping**

All dogs and cats over the age of 3 months will be required to be microchipped. The new provisions are intended to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

It is intended that the requirement to microchip will be enforced as part of the annual registration process.

A separate process would be required for Councils that don't require cats to be registered.

#### Desexing of dogs and cats

Dog and cat owners will be required to desex all <u>new generations</u> of dogs and cats born after the date of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 and by the age of 6 months. Owners will not be required to desex dogs and cats born before the prescribed date. Exemptions can be sought from the Dog and Cat Management Board (the Board). Mandatory desexing will help to reduce the large number of unowned and unwanted cats in the community.

## Sale of dogs and cats

Sellers of dogs and cats are to give the new owner a written notice setting out the identity of the seller, the identity of the breeder, details of vaccinations and other treatments, information relating to the microchip, desexing and other relevant medical information and in the case of a dog subject to control orders, details of the order.

## Dog and Cat breeders

Anyone who breeds a dog or cat for sale will be required to register as a breeder.

## Assistance dogs

The term Assistance Dog will replace the terms Disability Dog, Guide Dog and Hearing Dog. The change will provide Assistance Dogs with a wide range of public access rights and there will be changes to who can accredit animals.

## Council officers

The current terms Dog Management Officer and Cat Management Officer will be replaced with Authorised Person. Under the new provisions, Authorised Persons will be granted additional powers to improve their ability to enforce the Act.

## CHANGES TO REGISTRATION - DOG AND CATS ONLINE (DACO)

At present, all dogs are required to be registered with the respective local Council.

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, a new statewide online portal is proposed to replace individual council registers. Dog owners will pay registration fees online. The new system, to be known as Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) will send owners renewal and reminder notices, and their registration discs. It will be managed by the Board.

DACO information will be available 24/7 to Council officers and other Authorised Persons. The statewide registers will enable Council officers to identify the homes of dogs from other council areas.

The Board expects an increase in the number of people registering their dog each year (which could increase council revenue). It also expects animals to be returned to their owners more quickly than is possible now.

The Board will fully fund DACO through an increase in the percentage of the dog registration fees remitted to the Board. For country councils, such as Adelaide Hills Council, the increase in the percentage of fees remitted to the Board will increase from 10 to 12%.

Councils will need to review their systems and processes to capture the new information. Existing databases may not have the necessary functionality. There will also be an opportunity to integrate other databases (microchipping, dog incidents, breeder registration).

The new microchipping requirements will require cat owners to upload their details into DACO. DACO would then become a tool Council could use to manage cats.

## **BY-LAWS**

Adelaide Hills Council has 2 By-laws relating to dogs and cats.

Dog By-law (By-law No 5 of the Adelaide Hills Council):

- + Provides a permit requirement for premises wishing to keep more than two dogs in townships and 3 dogs outside townships (exemptions apply)
- + Provides for dog exercise areas, dog on leash areas and dog prohibited areas. The parks and reserves in each category are listed in Appendix 2
- Requires people to carry a receptacle suitable for removing their dog's faeces from public spaces

Cat By-law (By-law No 6 of the Adelaide Hills Council):

+ Provides a permit requirement for households wishing to keep more than two cats.

Both By-laws expire in January 2019. They are to be reviewed to ensure their continuing applicability and to identify any new matters that might be included in the By-law.

If a mandatory requirement to register and/or confine cats were to be introduced, this would happen by way of a By-law.

By-law reviews require public consultation as part of the process.

## 3.2 COUNCIL'S EXISTING DOG & CAT ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE

## **EXISTING DOG & CAT ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE**

## **Registration**

All dogs are required to be registered. Cat registration is a council-by-council decision. At this time, Adelaide Hills Council does not require cats to be registered. From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, registration will be managed by the new statewide DACO.

Whilst the Board will manage dog registrations under the DACO system, Council will still have a role to play in following up those that fail to register/reregister their dog.

## **Staffing**

Council has five Authorised Persons who spend approximately 60% of their time working on dog related matters. One or more rangers are on duty between 8.30am and 5.00pm seven days a week and on-call officers are available to handle emergencies outside these hours.

Additional resources are likely be required to implement new forthcoming requirements and if cat registration and/or confinement is introduced through the By-law review.

## Lost and unowned pets

A dog pound has been constructed at Heathfield Depot. This provides for the temporary holding of lost and unowned dogs. There is no facility currently available to detain cats.

Dogs that cannot be re-united with their owner are handed to the Animal Welfare League for re-homing.

A plan will be required for how the Council will detain cats.

## Dog attacks

Council currently receives approximately 70 reports of dog attacks each year. The majority of these attacks are on other dogs or animals.

A Standard Operating Procedure exists for dealing with dog attacks to ensure the necessary steps are taken to investigate and respond to such incidents.

Key measures to reduce the incidence of dog attacks include early socialisation and obedience training, confinement to prevent dogs from wandering and effective control of dogs in public places.

Education, especially of children, in how to behave around dogs can reduce the risk.

Research by the Board shows that undesexed dogs are 7 to 10 times more likely to attack than desexed dogs. The forthcoming mandatory desexing requirement will help to reduce the risk.

Rangers continue to review their processes for dealing with dog attacks.

#### Dog barking

Excessive barking is a problem that consume a considerable amount of Council resources. Ninety per cent of dog complaints are resolved within 14 days but the remaining 10% can become intractable and particularly difficult to resolve.

A Standard Operating Procedure exists for dog barking to ensure that it reflects best practice and consistency of approach by the Authorised Person.

Rangers continue to review their processes for dealing with dog barking problems.

#### Education in responsible pet ownership

The Ranger Services Team has a range of brochures and Council's website provides information to dog owners on a range of relevant topics.

The Board supports a primary school education program aimed at 6-10 year olds. A primary focus of these programs is to reduce the incidence dog attacks on children.

## Dogs in public places

Council's Dog By-law provides for declared areas where dogs are allowed to be exercised off the leash and where they are prohibited from entering.

In addition to the declared areas, dogs are also prohibited from playgrounds and are required to be on the leash on any reserve or park when organised sport is being played.

Council's Wright Road Dog Park was completed in 2011. It is about 0.8 hectare in area. Facilities include an off-street car park, agility equipment and a separate space for puppies and small dogs.

Appendix 1 lists the parks and reserves where dogs are prohibited from, where they are allowed off leash and where they are required to be leashed.

Owners of dogs or the person responsible for the dog are required to remove any dog faeces left by their dog in a public place. Failure to do so is an offence under the Act.

Council's By-law also makes it an offence to take a dog into a public place if the person in control of the dog is not carrying a dog bag or similar to remove the dog's droppings.

Council supplies approximately 40 dog bag dispensers across the Council area and spends in excess of \$8,000 per annum supplying bags and maintaining dispensers. Officer time is also required to replenish the bag dispensers.

Issues in relation to dogs in public places include that:

+ Dogs are retained under effective voice control in off leash areas

- + Dogs are kept on the leash in on leash areas
- + Dogs are not taken to areas where dogs are prohibited
- + Dog faeces are removed from public places and dog owners carry a receptacle with them to pick up their dog's dropping

Council may also wish to consider if a second Dog Park is warranted.

#### **REGISTERED, MICROCHIPPED AND DESEXED DOGS**

In 2015/2016, Council had 8,127 registered dogs of which 60.7% were both microchipped and desexed. Whilst the number of registered dogs with Adelaide Hills Council has been reasonably static over the last 5 years, there has been a steady and significant increase in the percentage of registered dogs that are both microchipped and desexed (up from 40.92% in 2011-2012).

#### CAT CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT

Council's Cat By-Law controls the number of cats that can be kept per premises. The Act provides for the detention/removal of cats from remote or fragile areas and in relation to unidentified cats in other areas.

Council has cat traps that can be hired out to residents wishing to manage cats trespassing on their property.

At this time, Council does not provide a facility to detain cats.

#### FUNDING

All monies received from dog registrations, explations and fines are spent on dog management. Council runs at break even or as near as possible. Any deficit is of a minor amount.

Council pays 10% of funds received from dog registrations to the Board. This will rise to 12% with the commencement of the state-wide registration portal.

Council does not raise specific revenue for the management of cats and therefore the level of cat related services provide by Council is limited.

#### **OTHER ANIMALS**

Council has powers under the *Local Government Act 1999* and the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016* to control nuisance on a property. This could include animals that are causing a hazard or nuisance. Council has from time to time used this legislation in relation to poultry kept on private property.

Council has powers under the *Impounding Act 1920* and Council By-laws to manage stock wandering on public roads and the various other legislation to control excessive numbers of animals kept on a property that are causing a hazard or nuisance. The problems associated with straying livestock is exacerbated by the number of absentee land owners in the Adelaide Hills district who may not have direct supervision of their stock at all times.

## 3.3 COMMUNITY AND GEOGRAPHIC PROFILES OF ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL

The following features of the Adelaide Hills Council District are relevant to this Plan.

| COMMUNITY PROFILE <sup>1</sup> |  | IMPLICATIONS FOR THE<br>COUNCIL'S ANIMAL<br>MANAGEMENT SERVICE   |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Population growth              | Population growth across<br>the district is low compared<br>to other parts of Adelaide.                      | A corresponding low<br>growth in the number of<br>pets is also expected.   |
| Household types                | Dominant household types are:  | It is important for the Plan<br>to recognise the dominant  |
|                                | * Couples with children<br>(39%)   | household types in the<br>Adelaide Council area.   |
|                                | * Couples without children<br>(31%)  |  |
|                                | 18.1% are lone person households.  |  |
| New residents                  | 20.1% of residents in 2011<br>did not live in the district in<br>2006.                                       | There is an ongoing need<br>to engage with new<br>residents on Council's<br>animal management<br>service.            |
| Volunteers                     | Adelaide Hills has nearly<br>twice the level of<br>volunteering as compared to<br>the greater Adelaide area. | Potential to capitalise on<br>high rates of volunteering<br>to improve animal<br>management and related<br>outcomes. |

| GEOGRAPHIC PROFILE |  | IMPLICATIONS FOR THE<br>COUNCIL'S ANIMAL<br>MANAGEMENT SERVICE                 |
|--------------------|--|--|
| Council size       | The Council area covers 795.1 square kilometres. | This is a large geographic<br>area for the Ranger<br>Services Team to service. |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ADELAIDE HILLS STRTEGIC PLAN OCTOBER 2016

| Urban development | The Adelaide Hills Council area<br>is predominantly a rural area.<br>Residential development<br>varies from the more urban<br>areas of the foothills and the<br>main settlement of Stirling to<br>the numerous smaller<br>townships and villages. Rural<br>land is used mainly for water<br>catchments, conservation,<br>forestry, farming, market<br>gardening, grazing, quarrying<br>and fruit growing. | There are different animal<br>management challenges in<br>urban compared to non-<br>urban areas.   |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Urban growth      | Much of the Council district is<br>covered by the Hills Face and<br>Watershed (Primary<br>Productions) Zones.   | Population growth in the<br>Council district is low<br>compared to other parts of<br>Adelaide.   |
| Biodiversity      | The Council district is situated<br>within the Mount Lofty<br>Ranges; a Commonwealth<br>Biodiversity Hotspot <sup>2</sup> .   | The detrimental impact of<br>dogs and cats needs to be<br>managed. This is a strategy<br>contained in the Adelaide<br>Hills Council Biodiversity<br>Strategy 2013. |
| Bushfire risk     | The Council district is<br>contained within the Mount<br>Lofty Ranges Fire Ban District.<br>The 2015 Sampson Flat<br>bushfire caused the loss of 24<br>homes and 10 dogs/cats<br>perished.  | Pet ownership should be<br>considered in planning for<br>emergency management.   |
|                   | A survey <sup>3</sup> of 272 people<br>affected by the fire found that<br>over half of respondents had<br>pets or livestock and that they<br>would have found it 'most<br>helpful' if more information<br>was available regarding<br>relocation of pets and<br>information on evacuation<br>centres that provided for pets.   |  |
|                   | The study also found that the CFS was a trusted source of information.  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> CAPTURING COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES IN THE 2015 SAMPSONS FLAT FIRE – A REPORT FOR THE SOUTH AUSTRALIA COUNTRY FIRE SERVICE BY THE APPLETON INSTITUTE, CQ UNIVERSITY, DECEMBER 2015

## 3.4 RELEVANT STRATEGIES AND PLANS

Council's plans and strategies were reviewed for their relevance to this Plan. The Adelaide Hills Strategic Plan (October 2016) has particular relevance because it outlines the Council's key areas of focus for the coming years. Its goals are set out below along with their implications for the Councils animal management service.

| GOAL   | RELEVANT STRATEGIES   | IMPLICATIONS FOR THE<br>ANIMAL MANAGEMENT<br>PLAN  |
|--|---|--|
| Goal 1<br>People and business<br>prosper             | Support active lifestyles.<br>Strategy 1.9 Work to make<br>the district more age-<br>friendly.<br>Strategy 1.12 Seek<br>opportunities to increase<br>the wellbeing and resilience<br>of the community to<br>withstand, recover and grow<br>in the face of challenges.                               | Recognise the role of dog<br>walking in the promotion<br>of active lifestyles.<br>Consider ways to assist pet<br>ownership amongst the<br>elderly.<br>Assist pet owners in<br>planning for and<br>recovering from<br>emergencies and natural |
| Goal 2<br>Activities and<br>opportunities to connect | Adelaide Hills has nearly<br>twice the level of<br>volunteering than the<br>greater Adelaide area which<br>needs to be fostered.  | disasters.<br>Consider opportunities to<br>capitalise on high rates of<br>volunteering to improve<br>animal management and<br>related outcomes.  |
| Goal 3<br>Place and people for<br>nature             | Provide good places for<br>people to meet, connect<br>and participate.<br>Strategy 3.6 Reduce the<br>impact of cats on native<br>flora and fauna  | Provide facilities for dog<br>walkers to engage with<br>others.<br>Reduce the impact of<br>domestic pets on the<br>environment, townships<br>and public spaces.  |
| Goal 4<br>Explore ideas and work<br>with others      | Strategy 4.2 Explore the<br>opportunities that emerging<br>technologies present to<br>people living, working,<br>visiting or doing business in<br>the district.<br>Strategy 4.6 Actively pursue<br>opportunities to share<br>resources and partner with<br>others for better community<br>outcomes. | Consider opportunities to<br>use technology to achieve<br>improved animal<br>management outcomes.<br>Consider partnerships with<br>others to improve animal<br>management outcomes<br>and achieve a better use of<br>resources.              |

#### 3.5 STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS

The organisations with an involvement in or interface with animal management are listed below. Building partnerships and clarifying Council's role can improve outcomes and achieve a more effective use of resources.

#### THE DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT BOARD (the BOARD)

The functions of the Board are to:

- + Plan for, promote and provide advice about, the effective management of dogs and cats
- + Oversee the administration and enforcement of the provisions of [the] Act relating to dogs
- + Inquire into and consider all proposed By-laws referred to it under [the] Act, with a view to promoting the effective management of dogs and cats, and, to the extent that the Board considers it appropriate, the consistent application of By-laws throughout South Australia
- + Advise the Minister or the LGA, either on its own initiative or at the request of the Minister or the LGA, on the operation of [the] Act or issues directly relating to dog or cat management in South Australia
- + Undertake or facilitate research relating to dog or cat management
- + Undertake or facilitate educational programs relating to dog or cat management
- + Keep [the] Act under review and make recommendations to the Minister with respect to the Act and regulations made under the Act
- + Carry out any other function assigned to the Board by the Minister or by or under [the] Act

A proportion of the funds collected from the Council's animal registrations are paid to the Board

The Board audits the Council's animal management service.

From 2018 the Board will be responsible for the new DACO registration system.

#### **NEIGHBOURING COUNCILS**

There is potential to increase the sharing of information and resources with neighbouring Councils; whether formally or informally.

The Council is a member of the Southern and Hills Local Government Association, which is a regional association of Councils under Part 4 of the constitution of the Local Government Association of South Australia. Its member councils are Adelaide Hills Council, Alexandrina Council, Kangaroo Island Council, Mount Barker District Council, City of Victor Harbor, and the District Council of Yankalilla.

#### ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANISATIONS

These include (but are not limited to):

- + The RSPCA South Australia
- + The Animal Welfare League of South Australia
- + Lost Dogs of Adelaide
- + Lost Pets of South Australia

- + The Hahndorf Interim Animal Shelter
- + Cats Assistance to Sterilise (C.A.T.S.)
- + The National Desexing Network

Animals that are unowned or cannot be reunited with their owner are handed to the Animal Welfare League for rehoming after the statutory holding period has expired.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The Local Government Association provides services, support and leadership to South Australian Councils.

It has introduced the *My Local Services* App which can provide a range of Council information including Council facilities, events, and procedures.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORISED PERSONS ASSOCIATION (APA)

The APA facilitates professional development of members and seeks to facilitate sharing of information and resources and standardised work practices amongst Councils.

## MICROCHIP IMPLANTERS AND VETERINARIANS

Approved microchip implanters (including veterinanians) will be required to upload the details of the animals they microchip on to DACO. Veterinarians will also be required to upload the details of the animals they desex.

Veterinarians are usually an early point of contact for owners of puppies and kittens and could assist with making the Council's education material available.

Some veterinary clinics run puppy pre-school classes which provide owners of puppies with information on raising dogs and early socialisation classes.

## DOG OBEDIENCE CLUBS AND TRAINERS

Dog obedience clubs help dog owners to train their dogs. Whilst there are no dog obedience clubs within the Adelaide Hills Council area, there are some in neighbouring districts.

There are also private dog training companies that provide training and group classes.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES ORGANISATIONS**

Organisations such as the Country Fire Service (CFS) and the State Emergency Service (SES) attend fires and provide help during declared and other emergencies. Pet owners in fire risk areas have a number of challenges that should be included in their bush fire response plans.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS AND VOLUNTEERS

There is a number of Community groups such as the sporting clubs, Friends of groups and Council's Biodiversity Advisory Group that can have an interest in and interface with Council's management of dogs and cats.

The Adelaide Hills Council area has high levels of volunteering compared to other parts of Adelaide. This is an opportunity that the Council could capitalise on to improve animal management outcomes.

## **PET OWNERS**

Pet owners have a number of obligations in relation to their pets. These include caring for the pets' health and wellbeing and compliance with relevant legislation.

#### 4 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY

#### 4.1 FEBRUARY-MARCH 2017

The first stage of public and key stakeholder consultation sought feedback on the animal management issues (predominantly dog and cat related) the community felt should be included in the new Plan. This stage ran from 9<sup>th</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Feedback was sought via an online survey or in writing (via email or hard copy). Three "drop in sessions" were also held at the following locations and times where staff were available to answer questions about the Plan:

- + Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 10am-2pm / Gumeracha Library
- + Thursday 23 February 5.30-7.30pm / Coventry Library, Stirling
- + Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 11am-1pm / Woodside Library

Two hundred and thirty two surveys were completed. Council received four written submissions and one petition containing 55 signatories. Very little feedback was obtained from the drop in days.

The following is a summary of the feedback received from the survey and submissions.

#### CAT MANAGEMENT

Q: What cat related management issues should be considered for inclusion in council's 2017-2022 animal management plan?

#### <u>Response</u>

80% Cat confinement

- 77% Cat registration
- 67% Cat numbers per household

There was strong support for upgraded cat management in Adelaide Hills (cat confinement, cat registration and control over the number of cats per household). The primary concern was with wandering cats.

The overwhelming concern with respect to wandering cats was the impact of cats on wildlife and most particularly with roaming cats that are then reported to kill wildlife on the respondent's property. This group does not believe they should have to put up with this impact and that they should not have the responsibility to trap these cats.

Respondents were also concerned with the impact of cats on wildlife in reserves, on roadsides and with general nuisance from roaming cats on private property.

Many say that cats should be treated the same way as dogs i.e. registered and confined.

Most respondents did not say if a confinement requirement should be for all or part of the day. Those that did make a distinction suggested that it should be a dusk to dawn confinement requirement.

A number of submissions opposed additional cat management/control saying that confinement and/or registration is not required and would be too onerous for cat owners.

Suggestions made for future cat management include:

+ Special consideration required for cats on farms which are required for rodent control

- + Culling of feral cats required
- + Concerns about the cost of de-sexing and microchipping of cats
- + Concerns about the cost of cat runs and whether they are permitted to be built
- + The Plan should acknowledge the damage done by cats
- + Acknowledge the essential role of cats and the benefit to their owners. Don't make new requirements too costly or onerous
- + Educate the community about the impacts of cats and the need to manage them to reduce their adverse impacts
- + Enforce any new requirements

#### DOG MANAGEMENT

Q: What dog related management issues should be considered for inclusion in council's 2017-2022 animal management plan?

#### **Response**

- 65% Unrestrained dogs/wandering dogs
- 56% Barking dogs
- 53% Dog attacks

Respondents were less concerned with dogs than cats.

Whilst more respondents were concerned with unrestrained/wandering dogs than barking dogs and dog attacks, the strongest qualitative comment was made about barking dogs – the adverse impact of excessive barking and the onerous procedures that complainants need to undertake. Several respondents said it was not clear what constitutes a valid nuisance.

Concerns with dogs that are wandering at large most particularly related to the impacts on livestock and wildlife. Inadequate fencing was seen as an issue.

Dog parks were mostly very popular with requests for more of them. There was a request to extend the hours of operation. However there was also a concern about them being located close to dwellings.

There was strong support for increased enforcement of leash requirements and improvements to signage.

Some concerns were raised with dog faeces that are not picked up.

Several respondents sought increased training of dogs and education of dog owners.

#### OTHER ISSUES FOR ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

Other issues raised include:

- + Increased management of all animals not just domestic animals
- + Subsidised microchipping & desexing
- + Education of pet owners
- + No animal costs from general revenue

- + Signage on roads for wildlife
- + Council to monitor breeders
- + Welfare of livestock
- + Clear information on Council's website about the potential impacts of animals

## 4.2 JULY-AUGUST 2017

A second round of community feedback was <u>undertaken</u> from 25 July-22 August 2017 when the draft <u>Dog & Cat</u> Animal Management Plan was made available for review and written comment. Three "drop in sessions" were held however very little feedback was received from theses forums.

66 written responses were received. The feedback received was consistent with that received in February-March 2017 as summarised below.

## **NEW STATWEWIDE REQUIREMENTS**

There was a very high level of support for the forthcoming statewide requirements including mandatory microchipping of dogs and cats, mandatory desexing of new generations and dogs and cats (support most particularly for desexing of cats) and breeder registration.

#### DOG MANAGEMENT

A mix of respondents called for more or less off leash areas. Some called for more signage, education, enforcement and tougher penalties for dogs that attack. There was support for another dog park from 11 respondents..

#### **CAT MANAGEMENT**

There was high level of support for confinement of cats (51 of the 66 respondents). Only 7 specifically opposed cat confinement.

Seventeen respondents specifically support cat registration whilst seven specifically oppose it.

The remainder were either silent, commented on something else or their opinion could not be clearly inferred from their comment.

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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

There was support for Council's involvement in emergency management, however, most respondents thought this should be confined to communicating information both before during and after emergency situations. Most respondents thought it was up to pet owners not the Council to provide for their pets during such events. The comments received will be taken into account in clarifying Council's animal management role in emergencies.

It was not considered that any changes to the draft Plan were warranted. The qualitative comment received will be taken into account in the work to be undertaken as a result of this Plan.

#### 5 DISCUSSION AND SNAPSHOT OF OUR PLAN

#### OVERVIEW

The Dog and Cat Animal Management Plan (DCAMP) 2018-2022 addresses Council's responsibilities under the Act. However, the actions and priorities have been customised to ensure they reflect what the local community wants to see in the Plan as well as the special attributes of the Adelaide Hills Council district.

## **NEW STATEWIDE REQUIREMENTS**

From 1st July 2018, all dogs and cats will be required to be microchipped and all new generations of dogs and cats will need to be de-sexed. In addition, the new statewide online registration portal will replace the current council-by-council registration process.

These are significant changes that will need to be planned for, resourced and disseminated to the community. They will be an early and sustained focus of the Dog and Cat Animal Management Plan.

#### INCREASED CAT CONTROL

Council's 2012-2017 Animal Management Plan elected not to proceed with cat registration. The stated reasons were that:

- + It would be difficult to enforce
- + It would not resolve the major cat related problems which were wandering and semi owned cats
- + Identification of cats was an issue that could be achieved without a complex registration framework

However, it is considered that there is now some momentum for increased cat control in Adelaide Hills Council. In the 2017 survey:

- + 77% of respondents were in favour of cat registration
- + 80% of respondents were in favour of cat confinement<sup>4</sup>

<u>Cat registration</u> provides a funding stream for cat management. It could also result in more people desexing or microchipping their cats. Many people say cats should be treated the same as dogs and be registered. However, registration imposes a cost on cat owners and if introduced would need to be resourced and enforced by Council.

Five councils in South Australia have already introduced cat registration. They include Mitcham, Victor Harbor, Kangaroo Island, Roxby Downs and Whyalla. New South Wales and Victoria have both had statewide cat registration for over 20 years.

The case for <u>cat confinement</u> is not conclusive, however, there is support for it in the literature. It is known that cats do roam and do prey on wildlife although this varies by cat, cat density and wildlife density. What is less conclusive is whether they cause declines in wildlife populations. Many ecologists believe there is a risk to wildlife populations and favour exclusion of cats from environmentally sensitive areas. Many suggest we should rely on the precautionary principle in the absence of conclusive proof of the risk to specific species.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> MEANING THE CAT IS KEPT INDOORS, WITHIN A CAT RUN OR OTHERWISE CONFINED OF THE HOME PRPOERTY

Confinement of cats to the home property is widely seen as the most effective means of reducing the risk. However it can be difficult for owners to confine cats that are used to roaming. There are also welfare impacts to consider. On the one hand confinement helps to protect cats from catching disease, getting lost and being injured or killed. On the other hand, confined cats could be more susceptible to feline stress and diabetes than those allowed time outdoors.

A 2014 study<sup>5</sup> undertaken by the University of South Australia for the Board revealed that many South Australians believe that cats pose a risk to wildlife. In the survey of 608<sup>6</sup> cat owners, 7 in 10 respondents said they believed cats hunting wildlife is a problem. A corollary to this is that many cat owners already confine their cats for all or part of the day. The survey found that 34% confine their cats indoors all the time, 23% confine their cat at night only, 20% allow their cat access to an outdoor cat run on the home property and only 16% allow their cats free access off the property. This suggests there is already a level of community acceptance of the case for confining cats for all or part of the day.

Adelaide Hills is located within the Mount Lofty Ranges, a nominated Commonwealth Biodiversity Hotspot where a high variety of locally native flora and fauna species continue to survive since European settlement. The Adelaide Hills Biodiversity Strategy 2013 states that there are comparatively few areas in the country which are so rich and diverse in native plants and wildlife. Increased cat control might be justified in an environmentally sensitive area like Adelaide Hills Council.

Only one Council in South Australia (Kangaroo Island) has a 24-hour cat confinement requirement. However night curfews have been introduced by Flinders Ranges and Whyalla Councils whilst in Victoria 4 Councils have 24 hour confinement requirements and 7 have night curfews.

If Council is to proceed with cat registration and/or confinement, a separate process is required to amend the current Cat By-Law. Both will be considered, taking into account detailed research and resourcing implications, when the current Cat By-Law is reviewed in 2018.

If these cat controls are introduced in Adelaide Hills Council, they will also need to be planned for, resourced and disseminated to the community. It is proposed that this would occur in conjunction with, and as part of a broader, integrated program that introduces the new statewide requirements.

## DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT – COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM (DCM-CEP)

The scale of the work outlined above should not be underestimated. It is thought that it is likely that there is confusion about the status of different animal management requirements, for example the difference between registration and microchipping, differences that apply to dogs and cats, differences between Councils and what is required compared to what is only encouraged. In addition, mandatory desexing will only apply to new generations of dogs and cats.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (2014) CAT OWNERS SURVEY 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL WAS ONE OF THE MOST REPRESENTED COUNCILS IN THE SURVEY WITH 5% OF RESPONDENTS LIVIING IN ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL

The 2014 Board survey<sup>7</sup> confirmed some confusion amongst cat owners. Half the respondents were unaware if their Council had a Cat By-law or not and the study's authors suspected that many respondents misunderstood the difference between registration and microchipping.

Disseminating the suite of existing and new requirements will be an early and sustained focus for the life of this Plan. It will occur via a comprehensive and integrated program that will involve co-ordination where possible with a range of stakeholders such as the Board, neighbouring Councils, veterinarians, community groups and animal welfare organisations. This could involve sharing information and resources and co-ordinated community education.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Adelaide Hills Council is in the Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Ban District. Council will review and clarify its role in preparing pet owners for bush fires and other emergencies. This follows community feedback received after the week long 2015 Sampson Flat fire.

## OTHER MEASURES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN

The remainder of the Plan involves ongoing monitoring, review and improvement where possible of Council's procedures and education material in conjunction with careful monitoring of our key performance indicators.

Council will monitor its existing Dog Park and review the case for establishing a second Dog Park in the Council area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (2014) CAT OWNERS SURVEY 2014

#### 6 OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES & KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

This section contains our animal management objectives, strategies and key performance measures for 2018-2022.

Section 6.1 contains our plans applying to both dog and cat management Section 6.2 contains our plans applying specifically to dog management Section 6.3 contains the plans applying specifically to cat management Section 6.4 contains the plans for staffing Council's animal management service Section 6.5 contains our plan for ensuring the Plan is implemented, monitored and reviewed

## 6.1 DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT

## MANDATORY MICROCHIPPING

All dogs and cats will be required to be microchipped from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018, unless exempted pursuant with the Act. This will assist with the return of pets to their owners and help to distinguish between owned and unowned animals. Approved microchip implanters will be required to upload the details of the animals they microchip on to DACO.

New procedures will be required to manage and enforce these requirements including a facility to detain unidentified cats.

Extensive community education will be required. This will be included in a comprehensive Dog and Cat Management – Community Education Program (DCM-CEP). It could include microchipping days. Veterinarians will have an important role to play as they are an early point of contact for new pet owners.

| OBJECTIVES   | STRATEGIES   | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>6.1.1</b> Ensure Council systems will accommodate the new requirements.     | (a) Review and modify<br>procedures and records and<br>data collection to<br>accommodate the new<br>requirements.                | Council systems reviewed and modified.  |
| <b>6.1.2</b> Educate residents about the mandatory microchipping requirements. | (a) Incorporate mandatory<br>microchipping into the Dog<br>and Cat Management –<br>Community Education<br>Program (refer 6.1.6). | Percentage of residents<br>surveyed who indicate<br>correct awareness and<br>understanding of the<br>requirement. |
|  | ( <b>b</b> ) Work with local vets to<br>promote the mandatory<br>microchipping requirement<br>for all dogs and cats.             | Increase in the percentage<br>of dogs and cats found to<br>be microchipped over<br>time.                          |
| <b>6.1.3</b> Enforce compliance with the mandatory microchipping               | ( <b>a</b> ) Send Authorised Persons<br>to randomly monitor<br>parks/other locations<br>commonly used by dog                     | Number of random checks<br>made by Authorised<br>Persons.   |

| requirements. | owners and conduct microchip scan checks to identify non-compliance. | Increase in the percentage<br>of dogs and cats found to<br>be microchipped over<br>time.                                      |
|---------------|--|---|
|               |  | Increase in the proportion<br>of microchipped dogs and<br>cats arriving in the pound<br>shelter used by Council<br>over time. |

#### MANDATORY DESEXING

All dogs and cats born after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 will be required to be desexed, unless exempted pursuant with the Act.

This will help to reduce the number of unwanted and unowned animals and has the potential to reduce dog attacks and dogs found wandering at large.

Procedures will be required for dealing with animals found to be undesexed including time limits for it to be carried out and the release of animals from shelters.

Veterinarians will be required to upload the details of the animals they desex on to DACO.

Councils will be able to cross reference animals included on the database to check for animals that are identified but not desexed and follow up as appropriate.

Extensive community education will also be required. This will be included in a comprehensive Dog and Cat Management – Community Education Program (DCM-CEP). In addition to a range of promotion and education activities, it could also include partnerships with local vets to provide discounted desexing eg for low income earners, pensioners and other concession card holders. Veterinarians will have an important role to play as they are an early point of contact for new pet owners. The National Desexing Network is an important stakeholder in efforts to increase rates of desexing of dogs and cats.

| OBJECTIVES  | STRATEGIES   | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>6.1.3</b> Ensure Council systems, procedures and records and data collection will accommodate the new requirements to best effect. | (a) Review and modify<br>systems, procedures and<br>records and data collection<br>to accommodate the new<br>requirements.           | Council systems reviewed and modified.  |
| <b>6.1.4</b> Educate residents about the mandatory desexing requirements.   | ( <b>a</b> ) Incorporate mandatory<br>desexing into the Dog and<br>Cat Management –<br>Community Education<br>Program (refer 6.1.6). | Percentage of residents<br>surveyed who indicate<br>correct awareness and<br>understanding of the<br>requirement. |
|   | (b) Work with local vets to<br>promote the mandatory<br>desexing requirement for all   | Increase in the percentage of dogs and cats found to be desexed over time.  |

|   | dogs and cats.  |  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>6.1.5</b> Enforce compliance with the mandatory desexing requirements. | (a) Review DACO database to uncover animals that are not listed as desexed. | Increase in the percentage<br>of dogs and cats found to<br>be desexed over time.   |
|   |   | Increase in the proportion<br>of desexed dogs and cats<br>arriving in the pound<br>shelter used by Council<br>over time. |

## **RESPONSIBLE DOG AND CAT OWNERSHIP**

The primary aim of the Council's animal management service it to educate the community in responsible dog and cat ownership and compliance with relevant legislation and Council Bylaws.

In most cases, where a minor breach occurs, officers will issue a warning if necessary. In more serious cases and where there are repeated breaches for minor offences, enforcement action will be considered.

Council will continue to provide a range of information on its website and in printed material.

In addition, for the life of this Plan there will be a comprehensive program designed to educate the community and in particular to lift the understanding and knowledge of the specific requirements applying to dogs and cats in the Council district. Initially known as the Dog and Cat Management – Community Education Program (DCM-CEP), it will be given a purpose designed title. It will include the new state-wide requirements, existing By-laws and any changes that might occur following the By-laws review in 2018 including any additional cat control.

A comprehensive program will be designed drawing on partnerships with the Board, neighbouring Councils, veterinarians and a range of other stakeholders where appropriate.

Its primary objective in the first instance will be to ensure members of the community understand the requirements or at least know how to easily access the requirements that apply in the Adelaide Hills Council area.

The number of stray, unowned dogs entering shelters remains high. It is a function of unwanted litters, lack of identification and inadequate confinement. Some animals are also relinquished. Not every dog can be returned to its owner or rehomed (it may not be suitable for rehoming). Mandatory identification and registration should result in a reduction in the number of animals entering shelters and an increase in the number of dogs being reunited with their owner.

| OBJECTIVES                 | STRATEGIES               | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES             |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 6.1.6 Focus on educating   | ( <b>a</b> ) Develop a   | Dog and Cat Management                  |
| the community in the suite | comprehensive and        | <ul> <li>Community Education</li> </ul> |
| of existing and new animal | integrated dissemination | Program developed and                   |

| management requirements<br>that apply in Adelaide Hills<br>Council.                             | and education program<br>designed to ensure the<br>community understands<br>existing and new animal<br>management requirements<br>in Adelaide Hills (DCM-CEP). | implemented.   |
|---|--|--|
| <b>6.1.7</b> Educate the community in the broad range of responsible pet ownership requirements | (a) Continue to provide<br>education material on<br>Council's website and in<br>other promotional formats.   | Reduction over time in the<br>number of certain<br>expiations over time. |
| and community expectations.   | ( <b>b</b> ) Continue to educate for initial minor breaches of Council requirements.   |  |
| <b>6.1.8</b> Reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats.                                       | (a) Maintain partnerships<br>with community<br>organisations that promote<br>the recue/rehoming of dogs<br>and cats.   | Reduction in the number of dogs and cats euthanized.                     |

## **BREEDER REGISTRATION**

From 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018, anyone who breeds a dog or cat will be required to register as a breeder with the Board. The new legislation will require a breeder to include their registration number in any relevant advertisement, including sales online.

| OBJECTIVES   | STRATEGIES  | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>6.1.9</b> Educate residents about breeder registration requirements.      | gistration all known breeding<br>establishments advising of<br>the need to be a registered<br>breeder.<br>(h) Advertise breeder | Reduction in the number of  |
|  |   | identified non-compliances<br>with breeder registration<br>over time.   |
|  | (c) Include the<br>recommendation for the<br>community to buy pets from<br>a registered breeder in the<br>DCM-CEP.              |   |
| <b>6.1.10</b> Enforce compliance with the breeder registration requirements. | (a) Follow up registration of<br>registered businesses that<br>have not registered as a<br>breeder.                             | Reduction in the number of<br>expiations issued for non-<br>compliance with breeder<br>registration, over time. |
|  | ( <b>b</b> ) Periodically monitor advertisements in local   | Inspections of breeder<br>premises show an  |

| newspapers and website to<br>check if dog and cats sale<br>advertisements contain a<br>breeder registration<br>number.   | increased rate of compliance over time. |
|--|---|
| (c) Periodically inspect the<br>premises of breeding<br>businesses to ensure the<br>number of dogs/cats on the<br>premises matches the<br>number approved by<br>Council. |   |

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Council's role in planning and preparing for emergency situations including bushfire needs to be clarified. This could include information and reminders about preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies. It would also clarify Council's role in accommodating animals during and following emergency events.

| OBJECTIVES  | STRATEGIES  | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>6.1.11</b> Clarify Council's animal management role in preparing for, responding to and recovering from bushfires and other emergencies relating to animals. | (a) Review Council's animal<br>management role in<br>preparing for, responding to<br>and recovering from<br>bushfires and other<br>emergencies in relation to<br>animal management. | Review undertaken.  |
| <b>6.1.12</b> Educate the community in preparing for bushfires and other emergencies in relation to animal management.  | (a) Provide animal<br>management advice and<br>information about<br>emergency preparations via<br>council's website, social<br>media, roadside signs and at<br>Council offices.     | Information updated.<br>Number and types of<br>information provided to<br>the community about<br>emergencies. |

## 6.2 DOG MANAGEMENT

#### DOG REGISTRATION

DACO will be introduced in 2018. It will be managed by the Board who will send out registration reminders and tags.

Councils will be able to set their own registration fees including any rebates. They will need to enter their registration fees into DACO to allow the system to charge the correct fee.

Councils will be responsible for promoting and enforcing registration.

| OBJECTIVES   | STRATEGIES  | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>6.2.1</b> Ensure the transition to DACO is appropriately managed. | <ul> <li>(a) Review systems,<br/>procedures and<br/>information/data base<br/>requirements.</li> <li>(b) Review and confirm<br/>registration fees including<br/>any rebates.</li> </ul> | Review undertaken.<br>Systems, procedures and<br>database updated.<br>Review undertaken.<br>Registration fees entered<br>into DACO. |
| <b>6.2.2</b> Maximise/maintain the number of registered dogs         | ( <b>a</b> ) Include registration<br>requirements in the DCM-<br>CEP.   | Registration requirements included in the DCM-CEP.  |

#### DOG BY-LAW

The existing Dog By-Law expires on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. It will need to be reviewed before then.

Community engagement will be undertaken however it is not envisaged that substantial change will be made to the By-law.

| OBJECTIVES  | STRATEGIES   | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES                   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>6.2.4</b> To ensure the Dog<br>By-Law is reviewed and<br>replaced before the<br>existing Dog By-Law<br>expires on 1 <sup>st</sup> January<br>2019. | ( <b>a</b> ) Review is undertaken in<br>accordance with the<br>statutory requirements<br>including engagement with<br>the community. | Review completed.<br>New Dog By-Law in place. |

#### DOG ATTACKS

Each year dogs bite more than 100,000 Australians. Fortunately, the rate in any one Council is not high, however reducing risk and responding to attacks that do occur is a core animal management function. This includes dogs that attack, harass or otherwise endanger the health of a person or animal or bird owned by or in the charge of another person (whether or not actual injury is caused). Council also needs to implement the requirements of the Act with respect to prescribed breeds of dogs and those dogs that have a control order placed on them.

Council has standard operating procedures for dealing with dog attacks.

Key initiatives to reduce the incidence of dog attacks include early socialisation and training of dogs, ensuring dogs are not permitted to wander at large and educating the community (especially children) in bite avoidance i.e. how to behave around dogs and the need to supervise children around dogs. Council responds promptly to reports of dogs wandering at

large and patrols parks and streets for unsupervised dogs. Material is available on Council and the Board websites on the benefits of socialisation and training of dogs.

Mandatory desexing has the potential to reduce dog attacks and wandering at large.

*Living Safely with Pets* is a structured learning program that aims to teach children how to live responsibly and safely with dogs and cats. It is delivered by the Board free of charge to school children from Reception to Year Three across the state (following a school request).

| OBJECTIVES   | STRATEGIES  | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES          |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>6.2.5</b> Minimise the risk of dog attacks to the | ( <b>a</b> ) Maintain current<br>initiatives to reduce dog              | Number of dog attacks reported.      |
| community.   | attacks.<br>(b) Meet or exceed Council's<br>dog attack service standard | Service standard met 85% of the time |

## **EXCESSIVE BARKING**

All dogs bark. It is when it occurs repeatedly and excessively that a problem arises.

Excessive barking has several causes: separation anxiety, boredom, external stimuli, territorialism and communication. It often occurs when the owners are not at home.

Council provides a range of information to assist people to reduce the incidence of problem barking. Council staff can also assist owners with suggestions on reducing a barking problem.

Council receives on average 65 barking dog complaints a year. Council has standard operating procedures for dealing with barking dog complaints. 90% are resolved in a few weeks. However, some complaints can be difficult to identify as a problem, diagnose and/or resolve. These difficult cases can take up extensive officer time.

Council will continue to monitor and implement best practice for dealing with excessive dog barking.

| OBJECTIVES   | STRATEGIES   | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>6.2.6</b> Reduce the impact of barking dogs in the community. | Council's Standard<br>Operating Procedure for  | Number of complaints<br>received and resolved.<br>Reduction in the number of |
|  | investigating barking dog complaints.  | barking dog complaints<br>over time.   |
| ec<br>Cc<br>(c<br>de   | <ul> <li>(b) Continue to provide</li> <li>educational material on</li> <li>Council's website.</li> </ul> |  |
|  | ( <b>c</b> ) Monitor best practice for dealing with dog barking complaints.                              |  |

#### DOGS AND COUNCIL PARKS AND RESERVES

Council has Guiding Principles for Dog Access on Council reserves. They are used to inform decisions in an effort to reduce nuisance and damage by dogs on Council reserves.

The existing rules for parks and reserves in the Adelaide Hills area are considered to be appropriate. The provisions apply to Council's reserves and parks are included in Appendix 1.

It is considered that the current initiatives to remove dog faeces are appropriate. This includes the By-law requirement that dog owners carry a pooper scooper or similar device suitable for removing their dog's faeces and the provision of dog poo bag dispensers throughout the municipality.

Dog owners must retain their dog under effective voice control in off-leash areas and the Dog Park, keep their dog leashed where this is required and not enter places where dogs are prohibited. Officers know the "hot spots", respond to complaints from the public and otherwise patrol Council parks and reserves to ensure dog owners are complying with the requirements.

| OBJECTIVES  | STRATEGIES   | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>6.2.7</b> Educate the community on the requirements applying to dogs and Council parks and | (a) Continue to provide<br>information on Council's<br>website and in other<br>promotional material with | All written material<br>updated to coincide with<br>the introduction of this<br>amendment to the Act. |
| reserves.   | regard to the requirements<br>applying to dogs and Council<br>parks and reserves.                        | Reduction in the number of<br>complaints about dogs in<br>Council parks and reserves.                 |
| <b>6.2.8</b> Enforce the requirements applying to   | ( <b>a</b> ) Continue to patrol<br>Council's parks and reserves  | Number of patrols<br>undertaken.  |
| dogs and Council parks and reserves.  | I to ensure dog owners are<br>complying with the<br>requirements applying to<br>dogs.                    | Reduction in the number of complaints about dogs in Council parks and reserves.                       |
| <b>6.2.9</b> Review the case for a second Dog Park in the Adelaide Hills Council area.        | ( <b>a</b> ) Review the case for a<br>Dog park in the Council area                                       | Review undertaken   |

Information is also provided on the Council's website and in other promotional material.

## 6.3 <u>CAT MANAGEMENT</u>

Council will need to determine how it will deal with cats found to be un-microchipped including provisions of a facility for dealing with seized/impounded cats. This may include an arrangement with an external organisation.

Council will continue to assist owners experiencing difficulties with cats trespassing on their property.

The existing Cat By-Law expires on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. It will need to be reviewed before then.

The current By-law is limited to a restriction on the number of cats that can be kept on a property without a permit. Community engagement will be undertaken however it is not envisaged that substantial change will be required to this restriction.

Based on the feedback received in developing this Plan, the Cat By-Law review will explore tighter cat controls such as confinement and registration taking into account detailed research and resource implications. The review will include the need for further community engagement. The review may identify other cat control mechanisms available to Council in addition to the By-law that will achieve the same outcome.

If tighter cat controls are introduced they will need to be planned for, resourced and disseminated to the community. This would be incorporated into the Dog and Cat Management – Community Education Program outlined in Section 6.1.

| OBJECTIVES   | STRATEGIES  | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>6.3.1</b> Assist residents with managing trespassing cats.  | <ul> <li>(a) Continue to include<br/>information on steps<br/>available for managing<br/>trespassing cats.</li> <li>(b) Continue to offer cat<br/>trap hire.</li> </ul> | Current information<br>maintained.<br>Number of residents hiring<br>cat traps. |
| <b>6.3.2</b> Review how to deal with cats found to be unmicrochipped or otherwise unidentified or unclaimed. | <ul> <li>(a) Review procedures.</li> <li>(b) Review options for accommodating seized/impounded cats including resourcing implications.</li> </ul>                       | Review undertaken and facility option explored.                                |
| <b>6.3.3</b> Review and amend the existing Cat By-law.   | (a) Review the Cat By-law commencing early 2018 and amend where appropriate.  | Cat By-law reviewed and amended where appropriate.                             |
| <b>6.3.4</b> Explore tighter cat controls such as confinement and registration.                              | (a) Consider tighter cat<br>controls in the 2018 Cat By-<br>Law review including<br>community feedback,<br>research and resourcing<br>implications.                     | Cat By-law reviewed and amended where appropriate.                             |
|  | ( <b>b</b> ) Dog and Cat<br>Management – Community<br>Education Program (DCM-<br>CEP) updated in accordance<br>with the outcome of the By-<br>Law Review                | DCM-CEP updated.   |

## 6.4 STAFFING THE ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Council's animal management service needs specialist staff who need ongoing training.

| OBJECTIVES  | STRATEGIES  | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES                             |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <b>6.4.1</b> Ensure Authorised<br>Persons acting under the<br>Dog and Cat Management<br>Act 1995 have appropriate | ( <b>a</b> ) Staff to attend training<br>relevant to Authorised<br>Persons (eg animal handling,<br>conflict resolution).                  | Type and number of training sessions attended by staff. |  |
| training.   | ( <b>b</b> ) Review skills of staff to<br>identify areas where<br>additional training would be<br>of benefit to the staff and<br>council. |   |  |
| <b>6.4.2</b> Ensure funding source for all animal management services   | (a) Set recurrent operating<br>budget so expenditure<br>equals revenue  | Budget set<br>Additional funding sources<br>explored    |  |
| provided by Council.  | ( <b>b</b> ) Explore additional funding sources as required   |   |  |

## 6.5 MONITORING AND REVIEW

The plan requires a mechanism to ensure the Plan is implemented, monitored, reviewed and amended where appropriate.

| OBJECTIVES  | STRATEGIES  | KEY PERFORMANCE<br>MEASURES     |
|---|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>6.5.1</b> Ensure the Plan is implemented, monitored, | ( <b>a</b> ) Obtain Board approval of<br>the Plan.  | Plan is implemented as planned. |
| reviewed and updated where appropriate.                 | (b) Assign responsibility for<br>implementing the Plan to a<br>nominated Council officer.   |                                 |
|   | ( <b>c</b> ) Establish an internal<br>project team and meet<br>quarterly to review<br>progress.                                   |                                 |
|   | ( <b>d</b> ) Conduct an annual<br>review and report on the<br>Plan's currency,<br>implementation and<br>performance against KPIs. |                                 |

## **APPENDIX 1**

ON LEASH PARKS, OFF LEASH PARKS AND PARKS THAT DOGS ARE PROHIBITED FROM IN ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL

# ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL DOG ACCESS AREAS

| SUBURB  | SITE                               | ADDRESS   | DESCRIPTION  |
|---------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| ALDGATE | ON & OFF LEASH AREAS               |   |  |
|         | Churinga Oval                      | 18-24 Churinga<br>Road, Aldgate                   | On leash on oval when in use, permitted off leash at all other times on oval surface                           |
|         |                                    | OFF LEA   | SH AT ANY TIME   |
|         | Candlebark<br>Reserve              | 154 Strathalbyn<br>Road, Aldgate                  | Open Space Recreation Reserve – Grassland  |
|         | Hawker Vine<br>Court Reserve       | 170 Old Mount<br>Barker Road<br>Aldgate           | Open Space Recreation Reserve – Grassland<br>and Sparsely vegetated with trees                                 |
|         | Rubida Grove<br>Reserve            | 1 Sunny Spring<br>Road Aldgate                    | Open Space Recreation Reserve<br>incorporating:<br>Open Grasslands<br>Drainage Reserve                         |
|         | ON LEASH AND ON PATHS AT ALL TIMES |   |  |
|         | Kemp Reserve                       | Kemp Road,<br>Aldgate                             | Natural Bushland Recreation Reserve<br>incorporating:<br>Sporting Courts<br>Natural Bushland Reserve Surrounds |
|         | Aldgate Valley<br>Reserve          | 96 Aldgate Valley<br>Road, Aldgate                | Natural Bushland Reserve   |
|         | Arkaba<br>Reserve                  | 46 Arkaba Road<br>Aldgate                         | Natural Bushland Reserve   |
|         | Doris Coulls<br>Reserve            | 152-158 Old<br>Mount Barker<br>Road Aldgate       | Natural Bushland Recreation Reserve –<br>Dense bushland Site, High Biodiversity                                |
|         | Nation Ridge<br>Reserve            | Cnr Nation Ridge<br>& Strathalbyn<br>Road Aldgate | Natural Bushland Reserve densely vegetated   |
|         | Reserve                            | 1 Shanks Rd,<br>Aldgate                           | High Biodiversity  |
|         | Public Toilets                     | 209 Mt Barker Rd,<br>Aldgate                      | Public Building  |

| SUBURB         | SITE                          | ADDRESS                                      | DESCRIPTION   |  |  |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| ALDGATE (cont) | DOGS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES  |  |   |  |  |
|                | Kiley Reserve                 | 16 Kiley Road<br>Aldgate                     | Natural Bushland Reserve consisting of<br>dense bushland and steep undulating<br>topography   |  |  |
|                | Reserve<br>Terrace<br>Reserve | 3 Reserve Terrace<br>Aldgate                 | Natural Bushland Recreation Reserve<br>incorporating:<br>Social Programs Building (Meals on Wheels)<br>and car park<br>Recreation Reserve consisting of an old<br>quarry with steep drop offs and dense<br>vegetation   |  |  |
| ASHTON         | ON & OFF LEASH AREAS          |  |   |  |  |
|                | Ashton Oval                   | Jennings Drive,<br>Ashton                    | On leash on oval when in use, permitted off<br>leash at all other times on oval surface   |  |  |
|                | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES         |  |   |  |  |
|                | Monomeith<br>Road             | Monomeith Road<br>Ashton                     | Natural Bushland Reserve adjacent to residential dwellings  |  |  |
|                | Hall                          | Stonyrise Road,<br>Ashton                    | Public Building   |  |  |
|                | Land –<br>Adjacent to<br>Hall | Stonyrise Road,<br>Ashton                    | Land – Adjacent to Hall   |  |  |
| BALHANNAH      |                               | H & PROHIBITED AREAS                         |   |  |  |
|                | Balhannah<br>Oval             | 117 Onkaparinga<br>Valley Road,<br>Balhannah | On leash on oval & surrounding open space<br>areas when oval is in use for sporting<br>activities or other events. Off leash at all<br>other times.<br>On leash at all times on the recreation<br>reserve area known as Brockoff Park.<br>Prohibited from the playing surface of the<br>netball/tennis courts at all times. Prohibited<br>at all times in the playground area |  |  |

| SUBURB              | SITE                    | ADDRESS                           | DESCRIPTION  |  |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| BALHANNAH<br>(cont) | OFF LEASH AT ANY TIME   |                                   |  |  |  |
|                     | Carawa<br>Reserve       | Carawa Avenue,<br>Balhannah       | Open Grasslands Drainage Reserve                                       |  |  |
|                     | River Street<br>Reserve | River Street<br>Balhannah         | Open Grasslands and Riverside Drainage<br>Wetland Reserve              |  |  |
|                     | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES   |                                   |  |  |  |
|                     | Ilinga Reserve          | llinga Avenue<br>Balhannah        | Open Space unfenced township reserve adjacent to residential dwellings |  |  |
|                     | Lutana<br>Reserve       | 13 Lutana Grove<br>Balhannah      | Open Space unfenced township reserve adjacent to residential dwellings |  |  |
|                     | Sunningdale<br>Reserve  | 14 Sunningdale<br>Court Balhannah | Open Space unfenced township reserve adjacent to residential dwellings |  |  |
|                     | Grasby Park             | Pye Road<br>Balhannah             | Scout Group and Natural Bushland Reserve                               |  |  |
|                     | Balhannah Hall          | 91 Main Street,<br>Balhannah      | Public Building  |  |  |
| BIRDWOOD            | OFF LEASH AT ANY TIME   |                                   |  |  |  |
|                     | Lange River<br>Reserve  | Lange Crescent<br>Birdwood        | Open Space unfenced township reserve adjacent to residential dwellings |  |  |
|                     | Rex Amber<br>Reserve    | Wegener Reserve<br>Birdwood       | Open Space unfenced township reserve adjacent to residential dwellings |  |  |
|                     | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES   |                                   |  |  |  |
|                     | Public Toilets          | 11 Shannon<br>Street, Birdwood    | Public Building  |  |  |
|                     |                         |                                   |  |  |  |
|                     |                         |                                   |  |  |  |

| SUBURB             | SITE   | ADDRESS   | DESCRIPTION   |  |  |
|--------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| BIRDWOOD<br>(cont) | DOGS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES   |   |   |  |  |
|                    | Olivedale<br>Water Reserve   | Olivedale Street<br>Birdwood                        | Riverside Drainage Reserve  |  |  |
|                    | Olivedale<br>Wetland<br>Reserve  | Olivedale Street<br>Birdwood                        | Vacant land with undulating topography that is not suited for the exercising of dogs  |  |  |
| BRADBURY           | ON & OFF LEASH AREAS   |   |   |  |  |
|                    | Bradwood<br>Oval   | Bradbury Road,<br>Bradbury                          | On leash when oval is in use, permitted off<br>leash at all other times on oval.<br>On leash in surrounding reserve area at all<br>times. |  |  |
|                    |  |   |   |  |  |
|                    | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES  |   |   |  |  |
|                    | Gurr Road<br>Reserve   | Gurr Road,<br>Bradbury                              | High Biodiversity   |  |  |
| BRIDGEWATER        | ON & OFF LEASH AREAS   |   |   |  |  |
|                    | Bridgewater<br>Oval  | 390-392 Old<br>Mount Barker<br>Road,<br>Bridgewater | On leash on oval when in use, permitted off leash at all other times on oval surface  |  |  |
|                    | Behind<br>Bridgewater<br>Tennis<br>Courts/Cox<br>Creek area<br>(restricted<br>times) |   | Off leash during daylight hours before<br>10:00am and after 4:0pm.<br>On leash at all other times.  |  |  |
| SUBURB                | SITE                                 | ADDRESS   | DESCRIPTION   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| BRIDGEWATER<br>(cont) | Portion of the<br>Deanery<br>Reserve | Corner Old<br>Mount Barker<br>Road & Arbury<br>Park Road<br>Bridgewater | Dogs off-leash in the area of fenced Council<br>land adjacent to the SE Freeway,<br>commencing from the gate at the end of Old<br>Mount Barker Road up to the tunnel leading<br>under the freeway.<br>Dogs on leash at all times in the remainder<br>of the reserve |
|                       | OFF LEA                              | SH AT ANY TIME U  | INLESS THE BBQ AREA IS OCCUPIED   |
|                       | Carripook Park                       | Corner Kain<br>Avenue and<br>Mount Barker<br>Road Bridgewater           | Open Space Recreation Park Reserve<br>consisting of open grasslands and sparsely<br>vegetated with trees and other native<br>vegetation   |
|                       |                                      | ON LEA  | SH AT ALL TIMES   |
|                       | Bridgewater<br>Sports Club           | 4 Towers Road<br>Bridgewater  | Sporting Clubrooms  |
|                       | Lions<br>Community<br>Park           | 391 Mount<br>Barker Road<br>Bridgewater                                 | Community Recreation Park Reserve with<br>Rotunda and picnic grounds  |
|                       | Wembley<br>Reserve                   | Corner Wembley<br>Avenue &<br>Charlton Street<br>Bridgewater            | Open Space Township Roadside Reserve  |
|                       | Cave Reserve                         | 7 Cave Avenue<br>Bridgewater  | Natural Bushland Reserve consisting of<br>Dense Vegetation  |
|                       | Heron Reserve                        | 21 Onkaparinga<br>Road Bridgewater                                      | Natural Bushland Reserve – A bushcare site<br>consisting of dense native vegetation and<br>bushland   |
|                       | Rudd Reserve                         | Corner Rudd<br>Parade and<br>Rosewarne<br>Crescent<br>Bridgewater       | Roadside Vegetation Reserve   |

| SUBURB                | SITE                                     | ADDRESS                                 | DESCRIPTION   |  |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|--|
| BRIDGEWATER<br>(cont) | DOGS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES             |   |   |  |
|                       | A J Vincent<br>Reserve and<br>Playground | 47-51 Osterley<br>Avenue<br>Bridgewater | Recreation Reserve - Playground   |  |
| CAREY GULLY           |  | SH AT ALL TIMES                         |   |  |
|                       | Memorial                                 | 1269 Greenhill Rd<br>, Carey Gully      | Adjacent to road reserve  |  |
| CRAFERS               |  | OFF LEA                                 | SH AT ANY TIME  |  |
|                       | Michael<br>Moran<br>Reserve              | Michael Moran<br>Drive, Crafers         | Open Space Recreation Reserve and Walking<br>Trail  |  |
|                       | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES                    |   |   |  |
|                       | War Memorial<br>Reserve                  | 2 Main Street<br>Crafers                | War Memorial Reserve  |  |
|                       | Crafers<br>Reserve                       | 1 Main Street<br>Crafers                | Sporting Courts<br>Crafers Institute  |  |
|                       | Protea<br>Reserve                        | 4-10 Protea<br>Reserve Crafers          | Open Space Recreation Reserve<br>incorporating:<br>Playground<br>Recreation Reserve consisting of open<br>grassland and sparsely vegetated with trees<br>Walking Trails |  |
|                       | Rudall Reserve                           | 7 Rudall Avenue<br>Crafers              | Natural Bushland Reserve consisting of dense vegetation   |  |
|                       |  | DOGS PROH                               | IBITED AT ALL TIMES   |  |
|                       | Crafers<br>Playground                    | 19 Miels Rd,<br>Crafers                 | Playground  |  |

| SUBURB       | SITE                           | ADDRESS   | DESCRIPTION  |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| CRAFERS WEST | OFF LEASH AT ANY TIME          |   |  |
|              | Charlick<br>Reserve            | 95 Charlick Road,<br>Crafers West                                     | Natural Bushland Reserve   |
|              | Castle Close<br>Reserve        | 2 Castle Close,<br>Crafers West                                       | Open Space Recreation Reserve vegetated<br>with trees and grasslands   |
|              |                                | ON LEA:   | SH AT ALL TIMES  |
|              | Emmett<br>Reserve              | 66a Emmett<br>Road, (Cnr<br>Emmett & Sedum<br>Place), Crafers<br>West | Roadside Natural Bushland Site consisting of dense bushland.   |
|              | Hillcrest<br>Avenue<br>Reserve | 21 Hillcrest<br>Avenue Crafers<br>West                                | Natural Roadside Bushland Reserve<br>consisting of dense bushland with a walking<br>trail along the roadside |
| FOREST RANGE | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES          |   |  |
|              | Memorial                       | Adelaide-<br>Lobethal Rd,<br>Forest Range                             | Adjacent to road reserve   |
| GREENHILL    | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES          |   |  |
|              | Yanagin<br>Reserve             | Yanagin Road<br>Greenhill   | Natural Bushland Reserve (adjacent Cleland<br>National Park)   |
| GUMERACHA    |                                | ON AND  | OFF LEASH AREAS  |
|              | Gumeracha<br>Oval              | 45-47 Albert<br>Street,<br>Gumeracha                                  | On leash on oval when in use, permitted off leash at all other times on oval surface                         |

| SUBURB              | SITE                          | ADDRESS   | DESCRIPTION   |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| GUMERACHA<br>(cont) | OFF LEASH AT ANY TIME         |   |   |
|                     | Beavis Court<br>Reserves      | 18 Beavis Court<br>Gumeracha                              | Walkway reserve area from Beavis Court to Randell Terrace   |
|                     | Beavis Court<br>Reserves      | 21 Beavis Court<br>Gumeracha                              | Open Space unfenced township reserve adjacent to residential dwellings  |
|                     |                               | ON LEAS   | SH AT ALL TIMES   |
|                     | Federation<br>Park            | 41-47 Albert<br>Street<br>Gumeracha                       | Open Space Recreation Reserve including:<br>Tennis Courts<br>BBQ/Picnic Areas<br>Playground area<br>Open Space Recreation areas |
|                     | Beavis Court<br>Reserves      | 1 - 2 Beavis Court<br>Gumeracha                           | Open Space unfenced township reserve<br>adjacent to residential dwellings   |
|                     | Randall<br>Terrace<br>Walkway | Randall Terrace<br>Gumeracha                              | Walkway access from Beavis Court to<br>Randall Terrace  |
|                     | Ring of Oaks                  | John Fisher<br>Avenue,<br>Gumeracha                       | Adjacent to Road Reserve  |
| HEATHFIELD          |                               | ON AND  | OFF LEASH AREAS   |
|                     | Heathfield<br>Oval            | Longwood/Heathf<br>ield Roads,<br>Heathfield              | On leash on oval when in use, permitted off leash at all other times on oval surface  |
|                     |                               | ON LEAS   | SH AT ALL TIMES   |
|                     | Heathfield<br>Reserve         | 48 Hender Road<br>(Corner<br>Longwood Road)<br>Heathfield | Natural Bushland Reserve  |
|                     | Heathfield<br>Refuse Depot    | Scott Creek Road,<br>Heathfield                           | High Vehicle Activity   |

| SUBURB    | SITE                                | ADDRESS                                 | DESCRIPTION   |  |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| HOUGHTON  | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES               |   |   |  |
|           | Houghton<br>Reserve                 | William Street<br>Houghton              | Open Space Township Roadside Vegetation<br>Reserve                      |  |
| KERSBROOK |                                     | ON LEA                                  | SH AT ALL TIMES   |  |
|           | Scott Street<br>Reserve             | Scott Street,<br>Kersbrook              | Public Toilets  |  |
|           |                                     | DOGS PROH                               | IBITED AT ALL TIMES   |  |
|           | Stone Reserve                       | South Para Road,<br>Kersbrook           | High Biodiversity area. Under Heritage<br>Agreement                     |  |
| LENSWOOD  | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES               |   |   |  |
|           | Lenswood<br>Park                    | Swamp Road<br>Lenswood                  | Bushland Setting Recreation Reserve with open space recreation areas    |  |
| LOBETHAL  | OFF LEASH AT ANY TIME               |   |   |  |
|           | Noske Water<br>Reserve              | Noske Court<br>Lobethal                 | Water Drainage Reserve – unfenced and adjacent to residential dwellings |  |
|           | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES               |   |   |  |
|           | Bushland Park<br>Recreation<br>Area | Lobethal-<br>Gumeracha Road<br>Lobethal | Bushland Recreation Reserve Area – Picnic<br>Area, Camping, Lake        |  |
|           | Bushland Park<br>Heritage Area      | Lobethal-<br>Gumeracha Road<br>Lobethal | Natural Bushland Reserve Area consisting of dense vegetation            |  |

| SUBURB             | SITE                            | ADDRESS   | DESCRIPTION  |  |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
|                    | Pioneer                         | 12a Pioneer   | Open Space unfenced township reserve   |  |
| LOBETHAL<br>(cont) | Reserve                         | Avenue Lobethal   | adjacent to residential dwellings  |  |
|                    | Schubert<br>Reserve             | Schubert's Road<br>Lobethal                                       | Roadside Vegetation Reserve  |  |
|                    | Torrens Valley<br>Scout Reserve | Corner Lobethal-<br>Woodside Road &<br>Golflinks Road<br>Lobethal | Open Space Roadside Natural Vegetation<br>Reserve  |  |
|                    | Copeland<br>Reserve             | 6 Copeland<br>Avenue Lobethal                                     | Open Space unfenced township reserve adjacent to residential dwellings   |  |
|                    | Car Park                        | 1 Bartholomew<br>St, Lobethal                                     | High vehicle activity  |  |
|                    | DOGS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES    |   |  |  |
|                    | Apex Park                       | 3 Reserve Avenue<br>Lobethal                                      | Open Space unfenced township recreation<br>reserve incorporating:<br>Playground<br>Open Space                            |  |
| LONGWOOD           |                                 | ON LEAS   | SH AT ALL TIMES  |  |
|                    | Heathfield<br>Stone Reserve     | 215 Longwood<br>Road Longwood                                     | Natural Bushland Reserve   |  |
| MARBLE HILL        |                                 | ON LEAS   | SH AT ALL TIMES  |  |
|                    | Pound Reserve                   | Pound Road<br>Marble Hill   | Natural Bushland Reserve   |  |
| MONTACUTE          | ON AND OFF LEASH AREAS          |   |  |  |
|                    | Montacute<br>Common             | Institute Road<br>Montacute                                       | Dogs on leash within 50 metres of the<br>institute, when institute in use<br>Dogs permitted off leash at all other times |  |

| SUBURB              | SITE                                | ADDRESS                                     | DESCRIPTION   |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| MONTACUTE<br>(cont) | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES               |   |   |
|                     | Tennis Courts                       | Institute Road<br>Montacute                 | Tennis Courts and Surrounds   |
| MOUNT<br>TORRENS    |                                     | ON LEA                                      | SH AT ALL TIMES   |
|                     | Coach House                         | 17 Townsend<br>Street, Mt<br>Torrens        | Adjacent to road reserve  |
| MYLOR               |                                     | ON AND                                      | OFF LEASH AREAS   |
|                     | Mylor Oval                          | 321-323<br>Strathalbyn Road,<br>Mylor       | On leash on oval when in use, permitted off<br>leash at all other times on oval surface             |
|                     | OFF LEASH AT ANY TIME               |   |   |
|                     | Cooper<br>Reserve                   | Silver Lake Road<br>Mylor                   | Open Space Recreation Reserve, large open space areas sparsely vegetated with trees                 |
|                     | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES               |   |   |
|                     | Mylor<br>Playground,<br>Sherry Park | 325 Strathalbyn<br>Road Mylor               | Playground and Open Space Recreation Area   |
|                     | Mylor<br>Parklands                  | 274 Strathalbyn<br>Road Mylor               | Natural Bushland Reserve  |
|                     | Leslie Creek<br>Reserve             | Leslie Creek Road<br>Mylor                  | Roadside Natural Bushland Reserve   |
|                     | Mi Mi Reserve                       | Mi Mi Road Mylor                            | Natural Bushland Reserve  |
|                     | Mylor<br>Parklands<br>Stock Reserve | 3 South Street<br>Mylor<br>Stock Road Mylor | Recreational Reserve:<br>Natural Bushland Recreational Reserve<br>Roadside Natural Bushland Reserve |
|                     | Aldgate Valley                      | Aldgate Valley                              | High Biodiversity   |

| SUBURB           | SITE                             | ADDRESS   | DESCRIPTION   |
|------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| MYLOR (cont)     | Road Reserve                     | Road, Mylor   |   |
|                  | Camp Gooden                      | Stock Road, Mylor                                     | High Biodiversity   |
|                  | Institute<br>Library             | 242 Strathalbyn<br>Road, Mylor                        | Public Building   |
|                  |                                  | DOGS PROH   | IBITED AT ALL TIMES   |
|                  | Mylor Pony<br>Club               | 1 Hawthorne<br>Road Mylor                             | Pony/Horse Club Grounds   |
|                  | Kyle Road<br>Nature<br>Reserve   | Kyle Road Mylor                                       | Natural Bushland Reserve  |
| NORTON<br>SUMMIT | OFF LEASH AT ANY TIME            |   |   |
|                  | Morialta<br>Vineyards<br>Reserve | New Norton<br>Summit Road<br>Norton Summit            | Open Space Grassland Reserve  |
|                  | Windmill<br>Reserve              | New Norton<br>Summit Road<br>Norton Summit            | Grassland Open Space Reserve sparsely vegetated                                 |
| OAKBANK          |                                  | OFF LEA   | SH AT ANY TIME  |
|                  | Gillman<br>Reserve/Kart<br>way   | Onkaparinga<br>Valley/Gillman<br>Roads, Oakbank       | Go-Kart Recreation Track (currently not in use)                                 |
|                  | Children's<br>Reserve            | 16, 16b, 16c, 25a<br>Oak Drive<br>Oakbank             | Open Space unfenced roadside township reserve adjacent to residential dwellings |
|                  |                                  | ON LEAS   | SH AT ALL TIMES   |
|                  | Nightingale<br>Reserve           | 190a & 190b<br>Onkaparinga<br>Valley Road,<br>Oakbank | Roadside Verge Vegetation and Walkway   |

| SUBURB      | SITE  | ADDRESS                            | DESCRIPTION  |
|-------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| PARACOMBE   | DOGS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES                        |                                    |  |
|             | Highercombe<br>Golf Course                          | Paracombe Road<br>Paracombe        | Public Golf Course   |
| PICCADILLY  |   | ON AND OFF LEA                     | SH & PROHIBITED AREAS  |
|             | Piccadilly<br>Netball/Tennis<br>Park and<br>Reserve | 180 Piccadilly<br>Road, Piccadilly | On leash around courts at all times. Off<br>leash in the reserve area at all times<br>Prohibited from court surface at all times.  |
| SCOTT CREEK |   | ON AND OFF LEA                     | SH & PROHIBITED AREAS  |
|             | Scott Creek<br>Oval                                 | Scott Creek Road,<br>Scott Creek   | On leash on oval when in use, permitted off<br>leash at all other times on oval surface.<br>On leash in reserve area surrounding oval at<br>all times<br>Prohibited from within 20 metres of<br>playground area. |
|             |   | ON LEAS                            | SH AT ALL TIMES  |
|             | Red Hill<br>Reserve                                 | Red Hill Road<br>Scott Creek       | Roadside Natural Bushland Reserve  |
| STIRLING    |   | ON AND                             | OFF LEASH AREAS  |
|             | Stirling Oval                                       | 56 Mount Barker<br>Road, Stirling  | On leash on oval when in use, permitted off<br>leash at all other times on oval surface  |

| SUBURB          | SITE   | ADDRESS   | DESCRIPTION   |  |  |
|-----------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| STIRLING (cont) | OFF LEASH AT ANY TIME  |   |   |  |  |
|                 | Halliday<br>Reserve  | 22 Wright Road,<br>Stirling   | Dogs permitted off leash at all times (but<br>not within 50m of dwelling located in<br>reserve)   |  |  |
|                 |  | ON LEAS   | SH AT ALL TIMES   |  |  |
|                 | Stonehenge<br>Reserve  | 28 Stonehenge<br>Avenue Stirling  | Sporting Court (Tennis) and Car Park Area   |  |  |
|                 | Apex Park  | 5B Merrion<br>Terrace Stirling  | Recreation Park and Reserve of an open nature   |  |  |
|                 | Pomona Road<br>Reserve,<br>Women's War<br>Memorial   | 23-53 Pomona<br>Road Stirling   | Open Space Roadside Recreation Reserve  |  |  |
|                 | Steamroller<br>Park  | Corner Mount<br>Barker Road and<br>Avenue Road<br>Stirling  | Recreation Reserve incorporating:<br>Playground<br>BBQ and Recreation Area  |  |  |
|                 | ON LEASH AND ON PATHS AT ALL TIMES   |   |   |  |  |
|                 | Woorabinda<br>Bushland<br>Reserves<br><i>comprising:</i><br>Stirling Park<br>Woorabinda<br>Madurta<br>Reserve<br>Hender<br>Reserve | 9 Ethel Street,<br>Stirling<br>1-11 Woorabinda<br>Drive, Stirling<br>34 Madurta<br>Avenue, Aldgate<br>71 Longwood<br>Road, Heathfield | Community Recreation Reserve<br>incorporating:<br>Natural Bushland Reserve<br>Walking Trails<br>Lake Area<br>Open Grasslands<br>Moderate and high biodiversity value<br>precincts |  |  |

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| STIRLING (cont) |   | DOGS PROH                            | IBITED AT ALL TIMES   |  |
|                 | Mt Lofty Scout<br>Land                                      | 99 Milan Terrace<br>Stirling         | Scout Group   |  |
| STIRLING EAST   |   | OFF LEA                              | SH AT ANY TIME  |  |
|                 | Evelyn<br>Halliday<br>Reserve /<br>Wright Road,<br>Dog Park | 22 Wright Road<br>Stirling East      | Dogs permitted off leash at all times (but<br>not within 50m of dwelling located in<br>reserve)           |  |
| SUMMERTOWN      |   | ON AND                               | OFF LEASH AREAS   |  |
|                 | Anya Reserve  | Anya Crescent,<br>Summertown         | Dogs on leash when Reserve in use.<br>Dogs off leash at all other times.                                  |  |
|                 | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES                                       |                                      |   |  |
|                 | Tregarthen<br>Reserve                                       | 1049 Greenhill<br>Road<br>Summertown | Tennis Courts and Surrounds   |  |
|                 | Institute   | 1102 Greenhill<br>Rd, Summertown     | Public Building   |  |
| TERINGIE        | OFF LEASH AT ANY TIME                                       |                                      |   |  |
|                 | Horse Paddock<br>Reserve                                    | 23 Woodland<br>Way Teringie          | Vacant Grassland Open Space Reserve   |  |
|                 | Langman<br>Reserve  | Langman Drive<br>Teringie            | Residential Roadside Recreation Reserve,<br>open space grass reserve adjacent to<br>residential dwellings |  |
|                 | Third Creek<br>Reserve                                      | Braeside Avenue<br>Teringie          | Open Space Recreation Reserve – sparsely vegetated, open reserve  |  |
|                 | Alpine Reserve  | Alpine Place<br>Teringie             | Open Space Reserve  |  |

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| TERINGIE (cont) | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES                   |   |   |
|                 | Gilburn<br>Reserve                      | Norton Summit<br>Road, Gilburn<br>Court, Teringie           | Roadside Verge Vegetation Reserve<br>(entrance area to Gilburn Court)                         |
|                 | Teringie<br>Reserves<br>Network         | Braeside Avenue<br>Teringie                                 | Roadside Recreation Reserve Areas<br>incorporating:<br>Tennis Court<br>Roadside Reserve Areas |
|                 | Braeside<br>Reserve                     | Carsten Court<br>Teringie                                   | Roadside Verge Vegetation Reserve<br>Roadside Recreation Reserve                              |
|                 | Carsten<br>Reserve                      | Coach House<br>Drive Teringie                               |   |
|                 | Coach house<br>Reserve                  | Colonial Court<br>Teringie                                  |   |
|                 | Colonial Court<br>Reserve               | Cnr Driftwood<br>Court and Coach<br>House Drive<br>Teringie |   |
|                 | Driftwood<br>Reserve                    | Havana Court  |   |
|                 | Havana<br>Reserve<br>Sunglow<br>Reserve | Coach House<br>Drive Teringie                               |   |
|                 | Ridgeland<br>Reserve                    | Ridgeland Drive<br>Teringie                                 |   |
|                 | Valley Reserve                          | New Norton<br>Summit Road<br>Teringie                       |   |
|                 |   | DOGS PROH   | IIBITED AT ALL TIMES  |
|                 | Norman Cole<br>Reserve                  | 42 Teringie Drive<br>Teringie                               | Tennis Court, Playground and Steep Reserve<br>Surrounds                                       |
| UPPER STURT     |   | ON LEA  | SH AT ALL TIMES   |
|                 | Fernwood<br>Reserve                     | 4 Fernwood Way<br>Upper Sturt                               | Natural Bushland Reserve consisting of dense bushland   |

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| UPPER STURT<br>(cont) | Melville<br>Reserve  | 140 Upper Sturt<br>Road Upper Sturt         | Tennis Courts<br>Natural Bushland Reserve surrounds<br>adjacent to Belair National Park                |  |
| URAIDLA               | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES  |   |  |  |
|                       | Uraidla Park   | 1181-1183<br>Greenhill Road<br>Uraidla      | Open Space Township Recreation Park (in<br>Main Street) including:<br>Toilet Block<br>Playground       |  |
|                       | Dyer Court<br>Reserve  | 1242 Greenhill<br>Road Uraidla              | Natural Roadside Verge Bushland Reserve  |  |
| WOODFORDE             | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES  |   |  |  |
|                       | Blue Reserve<br>(Arran Court<br>Reserve)                       | Blue Crescent<br>Woodforde                  | Open Space Recreation Reserve adjacent to<br>Morialta Conservation Park                                |  |
| WOODSIDE              | ON AND OFF LEASH AREAS   |   |  |  |
|                       | Woodside<br>Recreation<br>Reserve and<br>Oval                  | 24A Onkaparinga<br>Valley Road,<br>Woodside | On leash on oval when in use, permitted off<br>leash at all other times on oval surface                |  |
|                       | OFF LEASH AT ANY TIME  |   |  |  |
|                       | Woodside<br>Recreation<br>Reserve<br>Nairne Road<br>Open Space | 28 Nairne Road<br>Woodside                  | Open Space Recreation Land consisting of<br>open space grassland sparsely vegetated by<br>native trees |  |
|                       | Jacaranda East<br>Reserve                                      | 37-45 Jacaranda<br>Drive Woodside           | Open Space unfenced township reserve adjacent to residential dwellings                                 |  |

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| WOODSIDE<br>(cont) | ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES   |  |  |  |
|                    | Hills Netball<br>Courts   | 10 Onkaparinga<br>Valley Road<br>Woodside              | Netball Courts and Surrounds/Car Park                                  |  |
|                    | Woodside<br>Recreation<br>Reserve<br>Hutchens<br>Road Soccer<br>Pitch | 1 Hutchens Road<br>Woodside                            | Dedicated Soccer Ground and Surrounds<br>Open space grassland reserve  |  |
|                    | Grevillea<br>Reserve  | 62 Grevillea Way<br>Woodside                           | Open Space unfenced township reserve adjacent to residential dwellings |  |
|                    | Jacaranda<br>Reserve  | 9, 37, 39, 41, 43,<br>& 45 Jacaranda<br>Drive Woodside | Open Space unfenced township reserve adjacent to residential dwellings |  |
|                    | Soccer<br>Grounds   | 8 Main Street,<br>Woodside                             | Sporting field   |  |
|                    | DOGS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES  |  |  |  |
|                    | Woodside<br>Swimming<br>Pool  | 12 Nairne Road<br>Woodside                             | Swimming Pool  |  |
|                    | Woodside<br>Lawn Bowls  | 20 Onkaparinga<br>Valley Road<br>Woodside              | Lawn Bowling Pitch and Club  |  |
|                    | Playground &<br>Toilets   | 22 Main Street,<br>Woodside                            | Playground & Toilets   |  |